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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAAKI NAKABAYASHI, ET AL.)
Appln. No.: 09/401,660)
Filed: September 23, 1999)
For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL)
ELEMENT AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURE OF THE SAME)

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Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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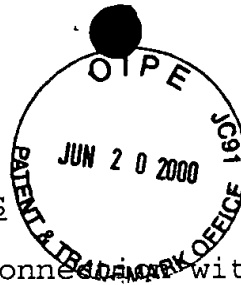
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the Japanese language document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

The Japanese document is discussed on page 26 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. An English language abstract for the document was obtained from a commercial database, and is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

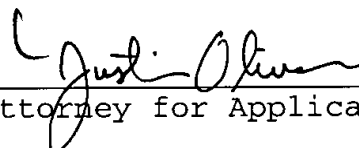
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No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

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